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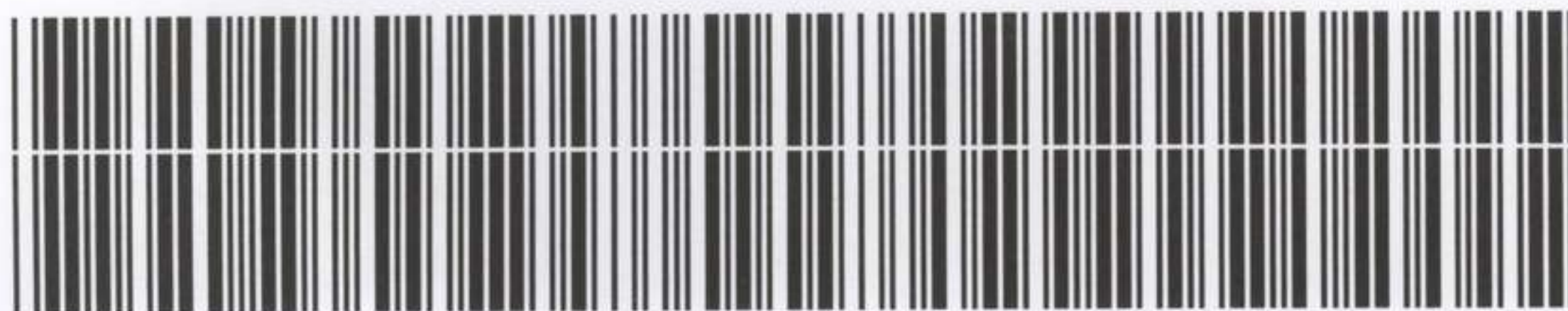
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DEFENCE S C H E M E.
RIGHT DIVISIONAL SECTOR .

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SECTION 1.DESCRIPTION OF ENEMY FRONT.DISPOSITIONS.

The Regiments at present on the front of this Division, reading North to South, are:-

3rd BAV. I. R.
22nd BAV. I. R.
5th R. I. R.

of which the two former belong to the 11th BAV. DIVISION; the latter is a unit of the 36th RES. DIVISION.

The boundary between the 11th BAV. DIVISION and the 36th DIVISION is the road passing from D.30.g.8.5, eastwards through KEIBERG.

The 11th BAV. DIVISION was first identified in front of PASSCHENDAELE, where, in our attack on 26th October, it sustained very heavy casualties. It appears as if the German Commanders, believing the sector South of BROODSEINDE would be fairly quiet, had decided to try and hold this part with a partially exhausted Division in order to preserve their fresh Divisions for the fronts where attacks were still expected.

The 36th RES. DIVISION was first identified East of ZONNEBEKE on 24th OCTOBER, but has apparently since been in reserve; there is on this account no reason to believe that it has suffered heavy casualties.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

The enemy holds the position opposite this Divisional sector in the following manner:-

Outpost Line. Generally on the North and South Line through D.24 and D.30.central. It is estimated that one Company from each Front Line Battalion holds this line by a series of posts and machine guns.

The positions of these posts vary from night to night, their object being to escape observation and make the work of our patrols difficult.

Main Line. On the DEOGENBROODHOEK - KEIBERG SPUR. The PASSCHENDAELE - TERHAND line is lightly held.

Dispositions appear to be:-

One Battalion Front line.
One Company in Outpost Line and
Three Companies on KEIBERG SPUR.

Support Line. One Battalion in Support East of the PASSCHENDAELE - TERHAND Line. Whether the Support Battalions are about 200 or 1000 yards East of this line is not yet clear.

Reserve Line. One Battalion in Reserve, roughly on a North and South line through the Eastern outskirts of MOORSLEDE.

Close Reserve Division. It is not now known which Division is in Close Reserve.

SECTION 2.BOUNDARIES OF DIVISIONAL SECTOR AND DESCRIPTION
OF FRONT SYSTEM.

- See Map No. 1. -

1. BOUNDARIES.

RIGHT BOUNDARY - Sheet 28 I.16.c.0.4. to I.16.d.6.5. -
HALFWAY HOUSE (inclusive) to I.17.central - I.17.b.80.34.
I.18.b.6.3. - I.18.b.95.80 thence along road (inclusive)
to J.7.d.95.15 to J.9.a.55.50 to J.4.d.3.7 through
J.5.b.3.2 to J.6.a. central.

LEFT BOUNDARY. - Sheet 28 I.16.b.1.4 thence along road
(inclusive) to I.17.b.25.55 thence along road to
I.11.d.40.15 - I.12.c.0.1 - I.12.d.0.4 along Northwest
edge of BELLEWAARDE LAKE to I.12.b.7.0 thence along
Western edge and then Northern edge of timber J.7.a.0.5 -
J.7.a.70.45 - J.7.b.0.6 - J.2.c.0.0 to J.2.d.7.4
thence along road to BRICK KIILN D.27.b.95.20 to South-
east corner ZONNEBEKE LAKE (D.28.a.55.44) thence to
road junction D.22.d.60.50 along road to D.23.c.85.55
to D.24.a.35.10.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE FRONT.

(a) The front held by the Right Division includes
that part of the PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE which lies between
the NOORDEMDHOEK re-entrant in I.5.b.3.2 to the
BROODSEINDE re-entrant at about D.23.d.0.6.

(b) The possession of the above ridge gives complete
observation eastward as far as the KEILBERG SPUR, and
denies the enemy the observation over our back areas
which he previously had.

(c) The NOORDEMDHOEK - BROODSEINDE Road running N.N.W.
and S.S.E. marks approximately the crest line. Our
front line runs parallel to this road and about
200 to 500 yards east of it - thus giving us fair
depth to our ridge defences.

SECTION 3ORGANIZATION FOR DEFENCE.

The defensive system will be organised on the following principles:-

- (a) The first essential is to get a real wire obstacle out along the whole front. This should not be in regular lines.
Except for the actual wire in front of posts it is better to construct belts of tactical wire which can be properly flanked by fire.
- (b) The front line will be held lightly by a series of mutual supporting posts, each post containing a complete unit - normally a platoon. As far as the marshy state of the valleys permits, the posts will be joined by a trench capable of use as a fire trench in case of need, and permitting lateral movement along the line of posts.
Communication trenches will also be included in the front line system so that movement over the ridge will not be under observation by the enemy.
- (c) Behind the front posts will be a series of posts arranged chequer wise and eventually connected to form a support position and garrisoned by support troops.
- (d) Arranged in positions in and behind the front line direct fire Vickers guns will be emplaced to cover the front of this Divisional sector and to fire across the fronts of neighbouring Divisional sectors.
Behind the ridge other Vickers guns will be emplaced:-
(i) for anti-aircraft purposes - see Section 8.
(ii) for S.O.S. purposes.
- (e) On the TOKIO SPUR a line of defence properly wired will be prepared. In and behind this line the Regimental Reserve will be quartered and the line will be known as the Regimental Reserve Line which will be the rear limit of the "Front Line System."
- (f) On the ANZAC SPUR a Brigade Reserve Line will be marked out and wired. Trenches need not be dug at present except as may be necessary to provide cover.
- (g) The Divisional Reserve Line will be on the WESTHOEK RIDGE. It also need only be wired at present.

NOTE - Of the above the works required by paras. (a) to (e) are well in hand, (vide Map No. 1).
The work required under paras. (f) and (g) is, for the present, in abeyance.
A Scheme for the ANZAC RIDGE Defences is attached.

SECTION 3.

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(h) Throughout, the principle of defence will be an organization in depth from which prompt counter-attack will be possible. Each body of troops quartered in rear of any post or line will provide the nucleus garrison thereof. The rôle of nucleus garrisons will be to form a bulwark to ~~stop~~ attack and to give time for the remainder of the troops to form up for counter-attack or defence.

NOTE "A."

This means that the Supporting Battalions of the Brigade in the line find nucleus garrisons for the Regimental Reserve line on TOKIO and the Support Brigade find nucleus garrisons for the Brigade and Divisional Reserve Line on ANZAC and WESTHOEK RIDGES.

This principle will be adopted when full accommodation has been provided in the front system. Till then the Supporting Battalions of the Brigade in the line are quartered on ANZAC and WESTHOEK RIDGES and further garrisons from the Support Brigade are not necessary.

NOTE "B."

Map No. 1 attached to Section 1 of this Scheme shows the manner in which the above organisation is carried out.

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SECTION 4.DISTRIBUTION of TROOPS.

Reference Map - Sheet 28 - 1/40,000

UNIT.	HEADQUARTERS.
"A" BRIGADE. (Forward).	Advanced. J.1.d.6.2. Rear. - H.29.b.3.8.
"A" Battalion. (Right).	J.4.b.88.60.
"B" do. (Left).	D.29.a.35.40.
"C" do. (Right Support)	J.9.a.30.65.
"D" do. (Left Support)	J.3.a.5.5.
"A" L.T.M.B.	J.3.a.5.5.
"B" BRIGADE. (Support).	Adv. HALFWAY HOUSE - I.17.c.3.8. Rear. - - - H.24.c.4.4.
"A" Battalion.	HALFWAY HOUSE - I.17.c.3.8.
"B" do.	- - - I.15.c.8.8.
"C" do.	- - - H.24.b.5.8.
"D" do.	- - - H.24.c.6.7.
"B" L.T.M.B.	- - - H.24.c.4.4.
"C" BRIGADE. (Reserve)	WALKER CAMP. - H.27.b.7.7.
"A" Battalion.	H.23.b.9.9.
"B" do.	H.27.b.6.2.
"C" do.	H.26.b.5.7.
"D" do.	H.20.c.9.1.
"C" L.T.M.B.	H.26.b.5.7.
<u>MACHINE GUN COMPANIES.</u>	
"A" FORWARD.	J.4.b.85.60.
"B" S.O.S.	J.3.d.4.1. J.4.c.30.35.
"C")	
"D")	CHATEAU BELGE - H.23.b.

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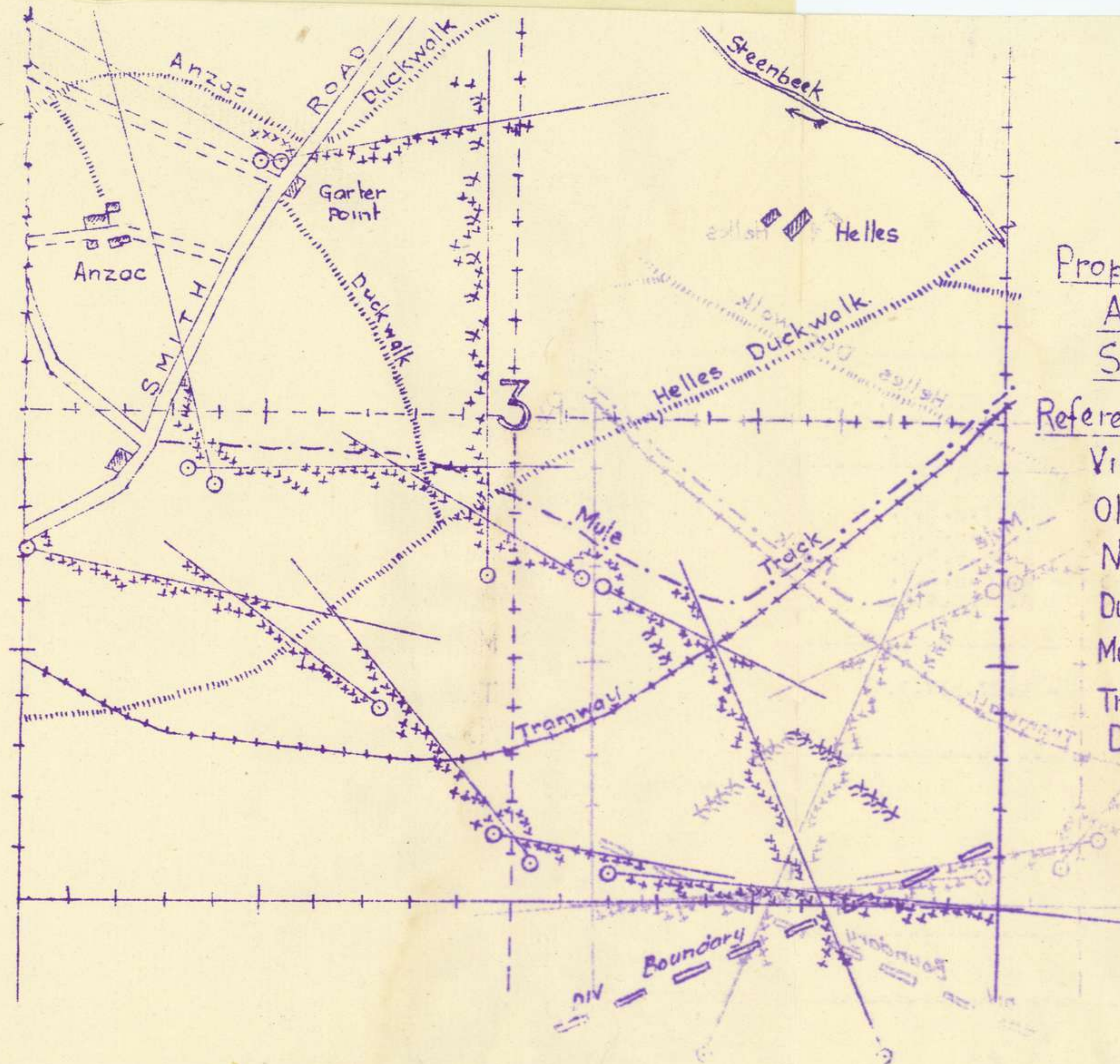
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Proposed Defences on
Anzac Ridge
Scale 1:5000

Reference

Vickers M.G.	○
Old Wire	×××
New Wire	××××
Duckwalk	
Mule Track	- . - . - .
Tramway	—+—+—+—+—
Div Bdy	==

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... towards group
... data required by the
... covers the Divis-

SECTION 5.ARTILLERY ACTION IN DEFENCE.1. DISTRIBUTION OF FIELD ARTILLERY.

The Field Artillery covering the Divisional front is composed of one Divisional Artillery with Headquarters at LILLE GATE, I.14.a.85.26. Group Headquarters are at HALFWAY HOUSE, I.17.c.35.70. This is known as "B" Group.

2. CO-OPERATION WITH INFANTRY.

A Liaison Officer not below the rank of Captain is attached to the Infantry Brigade Headquarters in the line, and keeps both "B" Group and D.A.H.Q. informed of the progress of events. He is in direct telephonic communication with his Group.

This Group finds a Liaison Officer with each Battalion Headquarters in the line. These Liaison Officers are in telephonic communication with the Artillery Liaison Officer at Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

In addition "B" Group finds two F.O.O's. with observing stations on the BROODSEINDE RIDGE, who watch their group front from dawn to darkness and communicate direct with their group or battery as the case may be.

3. S.O.S.

The S.O.S. for the Field Artillery runs as follows:-
D.24.a.35.15 - D.29.b.60.80 - D.30.a.00.11 - D.29.d.95.55 -
J.5.b.90.75 - J.6.a.30.30.

An overlap of 50 yards between Divisional Artilleries to the North and South has been arranged.

The S.O.S. Signal is at present a parachute light -
RED over GREEN over YELLOW.

As soon as the S.O.S. is received the Field Artillery opens and fires as follows;-

18 pdrs. 4 rnds. per gun per minute	} for 10 minutes.
4.5" How. 3 " " " " " "	

on S.O.S. lines, then

18 pdrs. 2 rnds. per gun per minute	} for 5 minutes,
4.5" How. 1 " " " " " "	

searching and sweeping fire to be employed, then

18 pdrs. and 4.5" How. 1 round per gun per minute
for 5 minutes on S.O.S. lines and stop.

If more firing is required, the S.O.S. Signal will be repeated by the Infantry when the Field Artillery will repeat the above programmes.

4. HEAVY ARTILLERY.

The Heavy Artillery operating on the Corps sector is the I ANZAC H.A. The C.R.A. has a direct line to the I ANZAC H.A. and also to the I ANZAC counter battery Officer. In addition, close liaison is established with the H.A. by the C.R.A. having a direct line to the 57th H.A.G. This group is a double bombardment group which carries out special bombardments required by the Divisional Commander, and in addition, covers the Divisional front for S.O.S. purposes.

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5. The Heavy Artillery open for S.O.S. purposes at the request of the Division or Brigade covering the sector. The fire of the Heavy Artillery for S.O.S. purposes is as follows:-

6" How. 600 yards beyond the Field Artillery S.O.S. line.

8" and 9.2" Hows. 700 yards beyond the Field Artillery S.O.S. line.

6", 8" and 9.2" Hows. all search back for a depth of 200 yards.

Rates of fire:-

1 rnd. per gun per minute for 5 minutes, then
 $\frac{1}{2}$ rnd. " " " " 10 minutes, then
 $\frac{1}{4}$ rnd. " " " whilst the situation is
 being cleared up.

In case of a serious attack, the 57th H.A.G., also have a call on the Northern and Southern Double counter battery groups. The S.O.S. zones for these Double Counter Battery Groups are allotted and super-imposed on the zone of the 57th H.A.G.

12" and 15" Howitzers have special points allotted to them for S.O.S. purposes.

6. The C.R.A. has direct telephonic communication to the Divisional Artilleries on both flanks and in case of necessity these Divisional Artilleries open fire on their own fronts to assist this Division's flanks.

7. Two O.P.'s. for Heavy Artillery are situated on the BROODSEINDE RIDGE.

SECTION 6.MACHINE GUN DEFENCE.

"A". 1. The Company in the line will be organised into three groups, and distributed as follows :-

Right Group	- 4 guns numbered 1-4	} See map No. 2 attached.
Left "	- 4 " " 5-8	
Support "	- 4 " " 9-12	

2. The Right and Left Groups are so distributed as to cover probable lines of approach. The flank guns so placed as to cover the junctions with the Divisions on our Right and Left, and to assist in forming the defensive flanks.

3. The Support Group has 4 guns in central positions from which they can carry out the following duties :-

- To command the BROODSEINDE RIDGE and the low ground between this and the TOKIO SPUR in the event of our front being pushed in.
- To put down the Enfilade portion of S.O.S. barrage from CHINA WOOD (D.24.c.2.0.) to D.24 central.
- To be available to reinforce either to the right or left in case it is necessary to form a defensive flank on either side.

4. Company Headquarters (also H.Q. Support Group)
J.4.b.8.6.

Right Group Headquarters	- J.5.a.65.90.
Left " " "	- D.29.c.6.9.

"B" 1. The Company on S.O.S. barrage duty will be organised into two batteries of six guns each. This group of two batteries will be prepared to put down an S.O.S. barrage along the Divisional front from J.6.a.6.4. to D.24.c.2.0. (See para 3 (b) above, for continuation of barrage).

Group H.Q. - J.4.c.30.35. (See Map No.2 attached).

"C" 1. It may be necessary to slightly alter the exact location of the guns in the line, and also the positions of the batteries on S.O.S. duties as the defensive works develop. Such small changes as may be necessary will be carried out by the respective Company Commanders in the line, after consultation ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ with and approval by the Brigade Commander in the line. Divisional Headquarters to be notified.

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2. Companies must maintain in the forward area at least one officer per S.O.S. Battery, and one per Group in their line.

One Senior n.c.o. per battery and group, and 4 men per gun team must be kept as far forward as group H.Q. with a working team always at the guns. Remaining portion of these companies will be in a constant state of readiness to reinforce or relieve the personnel in the forward area; situation BELGIAN CHATEAU.

"D". 1. The Machine Gun Companies not on duty in the forward area -

- (a) The Company which has been longest out of the line will be at all times ready to move with the Support Brigade.
- (b) The Company most recently out of the line will remain as a Mobile Reserve under orders of the Divisional Commander.

SECTION 7.PRINCIPLES OF DEFENCE.

1, The following principles will govern the defence:-

- (a) Disposition of troops in depth.
- (b) Garrisons will never fall back from one line to another line - whether the flanks are turned or not. The movement will, on the other hand, be forward in the form of counter-attacks.
- (c) The direction of the counter-attacks will be:-
 - (i) to the front in case our own front is attacked.
 - (ii) to the flanks, i.e., on the flank of the enemy in case he drives in the troops of neighbouring Divisions to north or south.
- (d) Consistent with the above the front line system will be held as thinly as possible to avoid casualties through shell fire.

2. Three kinds of attack may be anticipated:-

- (a) A raid - with or without a bombardment.
- (b) An attack on a small scale to capture some locality - accompanied by a bombardment.
- (c) A serious attack preceded by, and in conjunction with, a heavy bombardment.
 - (a) As regards (a) these can be turned to our advantage by vigilance and alertness, which includes active patrolling and command of No-man's-land. A raid should always find itself in a trap on arrival near our lines and should enable us to obtain identifications as well as cause casualties to the raiding party.

Patrols will often be able to take advantage of enemy "Pill-boxes" found unoccupied by using them as supporting points to be held by a few men to cover the advance of the patrol to points further on.

The careful placing of wire obstacles to force the enemy into areas under command of direct fire Vickers or Lewis Guns will also assist in defeating the enemy's attacks of whatever nature they may be.

Too much reliance cannot be placed on muddy or marshy ground to debar him from certain lines of approach for determined men can get through such ground, and later on it will probably be frozen.

- (b) As regards (b) should the enemy succeed in penetrating our line at any point he must be attacked immediately, not only on his front but on both flanks by order of the Commanders of Companies or Platoons on the spot.

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Such attacks should use all the Infantry weapons, Stokes mortars, and Vickers and Lewis Guns, Rifle Grenades, etc., in carrying out these attacks, but if any one is not available at the moment, there must be no waiting which will allow the enemy to consolidate his gains.

The extent and intensity of the enemy's bombardment, if closely observed, will give an indication of his objectives and thus enable preparations for counter-attack to be made before his attack is actually completed.

If our immediate counter-attack fails, the locality captured must be isolated and held in a "pocket" and information - as exact as possible - must be sent back to enable more deliberate preparations to be made.

The Artillery and Machine Guns will take steps to isolate the enemy in the captured position from his reinforcements, thus cutting him off, and, as soon as his exact position is known, will bombard him in it thus preparing the way for the further counter-attack with reserve troops.

Artillery fire will not be opened on the captured position without the sanction of the Brigadier concerned.

(c) As regards (c) it is unlikely that such an attack will come as a surprise, and Commanders will have time to make suitable dispositions. In any case, no good will be obtained by reinforcing the front line.

Supporting troops must hold their ground and by means of fire and local attacks keep the enemy in check while sufficient reserves are being made available to resume the offensive in strength.

3. Though, owing to the fact that the ground in front of the Divisional sector is unfavourable, an attack in strength on this front, still an attack on the Divisions to our right and left is most probable and will no doubt be combined with an attack on our own front.

is in-
probable This Division, therefore, has to be prepared:-

(a) to assist the flanking Divisions vide para. 1 (c) (ii) above.

(b) to form defensive flanks to the south and north in case either or both flanking Divisions are driven back.

This latter eventuality must be taken into consideration in planning the defence works in the front line system and suitable switch lines must be included to enable the Brigade in front line to fight not only facing the front but facing south or north.

Fire trenches must be sited for this purpose and constructed. These will also serve the purpose of communication trenches.

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The direct fire Vickers guns also require to be sited more for flanking than for frontal fire, they will thus not only cover our own front more effectively but will be correctly sited to meet the situation described in this para.

4. Every Commander will retain a reserve under his own hands, in a definite area, with which to deliver an immediate counter-attack should the enemy succeed in penetrating our line at any point. The success of the counter-attacks will depend to a large extent upon the rapidity with which they are made. Commanders must therefore consider the action to be taken and definite plans must be thought out beforehand, recorded, and the action to be taken made known to all ranks.
5. As soon as it is decided to employ the support brigade, the reserve brigade will be ordered to move forward from the DICKEBUSCH Area to replace it.
6. As soon as serious hostile counter-attack threatens, all troops in Divisional Support and Reserve will be ordered to "STAND TO." Units will be ready to move at 20 minutes notice after the order to "STAND TO" has been received.
7. Constant touch and communication with Brigades on flanks must be established and a definite plan for mutual protection and support and for guarding flanks. If neighbouring Brigades are forced back, must be carefully thought out and communicated to all ranks.
8. Brigades, Battalions, and Companies must keep each other informed of their plans to meet eventualities. G.O's.C. Brigade areas and Battalion Commanders, etc. will maintain local defence schemes which must be kept up to date and handed over regularly on relief.
All unit commanders will have a thorough reconnaissance made of all approaches from the support and reserve areas to the forward area.

SECTION 8.ANTI-AIRCRAFT PROTECTION.

The following is the disposition of Vickers and Lewis Guns and Stokes Mortars allotted for dealing with low-flying hostile aircraft in the Right Divisional Sector of the Corps area:-

(a). Furnished by the Brigade in the front line system:-

STOKES MORTARS. - Six Mortars disposed in three pairs at J.5.a.7.7, D.29.c.5.6 and D.23.c.15.10.

VICKERS GUNS. - Five guns at J.4.b.6.3.
D.28.c.40.80.
D.28.c.52.65.
D.28.c.95.25.
D.22.d.45.05.

LEWIS GUNS. Guns at Right Bn. (J.5.a.40.90.
in Line. (J.4.b.78.18.

Left Bn. (D.28.central.
in Line. (D.28.b.00.75.
(D.29.a.30.85.
(D.29.a.50.00.

Right Support Batt'n. (D.28.c.7.0.
(J.3.d.6.3.
(J.4.a.7.0.
(J.3.d.5.3.

Left Support Batt'n. (D.28.c.1.1.
(J.3.a.5.4.
(J.3.a.55.45.
(D.28.c.10.85.

(b). Furnished by the Brigade in Support:-

LEWIS GUNS. - 1 gun at J.7.b.1.1.
1 " J.7.b.1.2.
1 " I.15.d.0.9.
1 " I.15.a.8.2.
1 " I.15.c.7.8.
1 " J.16.c.4.7.
2 " I.25.a.3.8. (HORNBY Dump).
2 " H.24.c.6.6.
2 " H.24.c.70.65.
2 " I.17.c.3.8. (HALFWAY HOUSE).

SECTION 8 - Page 2.(c). Furnished by the First ANZAC Cyclist Battalion:-

LEWIS GUNS. - Four Guns at - J.8.b.55.75.
 J.8.b.55.90.
 J.8.a.55.85.
 J.8.a.35.65.

- for the special protection of
 the Divisional Artillery.

- Two guns at I.11.d.85.17, for
 the special protection of the
 Heavy Artillery.

(d). Furnished by the Brigade in Reserve:-

LEWIS GUNS. - 4 guns at H.26.b.5.6.
 4 " H.27.b.3.6 to 4.9.
 1 " H.27.b.2.4.
 1. " H.27.b.5.3.

(e). Furnished by the Pioneer Battalion:-

LEWIS GUNS. - 1 gun at H.27.d.3.5.) DICKEBUSCH
 1 gun at H.27.d.6.5.) Railhead.

SECTION 9.ACTION OF DIVISIONAL SUPPORT BRIGADE.

1. The Divisional Support Brigade will consist of the Brigade quartered in ZILLEBEKE and SWAN areas.

The Headquarters of the Support Brigade is at HALFWAY HOUSE (I.17.c.3.7).

2. In case of attack the Support Brigade will stand by ready to move on receipt of orders from Divisional Headquarters. Request for assistance from the G.O.C., Forward Brigade, will be complied with immediately, and action taken reported to Divisional Headquarters.

The most probable role of the Support Brigade will be an attack to recapture the portion of PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE within the Divisional boundaries.

Reconnaissances with a view to above must be made.

SECTION 10.ACTION OF DIVISIONAL RESERVE BRIGADE.

1. The Divisional Reserve Brigade will consist of the Brigade quartered in the DICKEBUSCH Area.

The Headquarters of the Divisional Reserve Brigade is at H.27:b.7.7.

2. In case of attack the Divisional Reserve Brigade will "STAND TO" ready to move to Support Brigade Area on receipt of orders from Divisional Headquarters.

SECTION 12.POLICY OF WORK.

1. By Infantry Garrisons of trenches:-

- (a) Improving the front, support and reserve lines.
- (b) Improvement of trenches and posts and accommodation for the garrisons.
- (c) Improvement of communications between Support and Front Lines.
- (d) Provision of dummy trenches.

2. Under C.F.E.:-

"A." By Field Company working in forward area in co-operation with Brigade in the line:-

- (a) Maintenance of all duck-board tracks in forward area.
- (b) Construction of new duck-board tracks as necessary.
- (c) Assistance to Infantry garrisons of front system, Support and Reserve lines in defence works, communication trenches, wiring, etc.
- (d) Improvement, maintenance of H.Q.'s., R.A.P.'s., Signal Stations, O.P.'s., in forward area.
- (e) Reclaiming habitable pill-boxes and dug-outs by pumping out water, and repairs.
- (f) Laying plank-way on mule track formation to terminate near D.29.c.5.5.
- (g) Provision of notice boards.

"B." By Field Company working in intermediate area, i.e., behind Forward Brigade works area, but forward of YPRES.

- (a) Maintenance of duck-board tracks between WESTHOEK RIDGE and GARTER POINT.
- (b) Maintenance and improvement of Divisional Tramway. Plank-way being laid down centre.
- (c) Forwarding R.E. Stores by wagon and pack transport to forward dumps from BIRR CROSS ROADS dump and control of latter.
- (d) Miscellaneous works in intermediate area as required.

"C." By Field Company working in rear area. All works required near and west of YPRES, e.g., stabling, accommodation, and new R.E. dump (I.9.d).

"D." By Pioneer Battalion.

- (a) Maintenance and improvement of road WESTHOEK to GARTER POINT.
- (b) Completing formation of mule track to D.29.c.5.5.
- (c) Miscellaneous works, e.g., stabling, clearing drainage canals, making roads to gun positions.

3. TUNNELLING.

Tunnelling is being carried out on WESTHOEK RIDGE to provide accommodation for Headquarters and 700 troops.

A proposal has been submitted to Corps for the provision of tunnelled accommodation on the western slope of BROODSEINDE RIDGE for Headquarters and 600 troops. (vide attached letter).

TO ACCOMPANY SECTION 12 - POLICY OF WORK - DEFENCE SCHEME,
RIGHT DIVISIONAL SECTOR.

C O P Y.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

S E C R E T.

G.32/1/22.

Headquarters,
3rd November, 1917.

First ANZAC Corps.
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1. I understood from the G.O.C., 5th Australian Division that he had represented the need for putting in hand a scheme for tunnelled accommodation on the western slope of BROODSEINDE RIDGE.

The work ought to be begun quickly.

2. As regards the numbers for whom accommodation should be provided I make the following proposals:-

These refer to the front at present allotted to this Division.

The accommodation to be made in four localities or "sets of tunnels," generally speaking, equi-distant from each other.

Each set of tunnels to have accommodation for:-

- 150 men.
- One Battalion H.Q.
- Two Company H.Q.
- Signal Office.
- Regimental Aid Post.
- Foot Treatment Room (prevention of trench feet).
- Sock and Gum Boot Drying Room.

Each set to have not less than 4 exits.

3. The troops in immediate support to the front line would be quartered in the above tunnels. The troops in reserve to occupy the tunnels being made on WESTHOEK RIDGE.

4. TOKIO RIDGE should also be reconnoitred to ascertain whether tunnelled accommodation can be made there for Artillery personnel.

(Signed) - N. M. SMYTH,
Major-General,
Commanding Second Australian Division.

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ACCOMMODATION TABLE

APPENDIX 'A'

RIGHT DIVISION AREA 7.11.17

Reference	Nature of Accommodation	At present occupied by	Capacity	
			Men	Horses
SWAN AREA				
I.13.c.7.4.	Canvas huts and dug-outs	36 K.B.Sect.	90	-
I.19.c.3.9.	Huts and dug-outs	13 K.B.Sect	98	-
H.23.b.1.4.	Tents & Shelters	3rd.A.M.G.Coy	125	-
H.23.b.8.4.	" "	21st.A.M.G.Coy	55	
H.23.c.9.1.	Huts & Dug-outs Horse standings uncovered but floored.	1st.Field Coy A.E.	30 huts 168 dug-outs.	175
H.23.c.3.5.	Tents & Shelters Horse standings covered and floored	26th.Heavy Bty.	120	220
H.29.a.5.9.	Dug-outs Horse standings open & covered	7th.Field Amb.	50	20 covered 15 open
H.23.c.6.7.	Tents & shelters Horse standings uncovered	S.A.A.Section 5th.D.A.C.	70	100
H.24.a.0.9.	Dug-outs & Shelters Horse standings open & unfloored	22nd.M.G.Coy	10 dug-outs 145 shelters	52
H.30.a.0.7.	Dug-outs & Shelters Horse standings partly floored	2nd.Pioneer Transport 3rd.Field Coy A.E.Transpt.	272	120
H.24.c.6.7.	Huts	21st.Bn.	1 Bn.	
H.24.b.9.9.	Huts	22nd.Bn.	1 Bn.	
I.19.b.3.6.	Dug-outs	5th.D.A.C.H.Q.	40	
H.24.b.8.6.	Tents & Shelters Open horse standings	51st.Battery A.F.A.	136	138
I.13.c.3.3.	Huts (8) Horse standings floored & covered	53rd.Battery A.F.A.	135	173
I.13.c.1.0.	Huts (8) Horse standings floored & covered	55th.Battery A.F.A.	123	167
I.19.c.3.7.	Dug-outs	2nd.Pioneer Bn.	950	

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Reference	Nature of Accommodation	At present occupied by	Capacity	
			Men	Horses
H.24.d.7.7.	Tents & Shelters Horse standings floored and partly covered.	8th. Field Coy A.E.	52	74
H.24.b.5.8.	Huts (8) Horse standings covered and floored.	54th. Battery	142	144
I.19.a.2.5.	Huts (8) Horse standings covered and floored	113 How. Bty.	162	150
H.24.d.0.0.	Canvas	185th. Labour Company	333	5
H.24.d.1.7.	Canvas Horse standings floored & open	1st. D.A.C.	320	356
H.30.a.3.8.	Huts (2) Dug-outs Tents & shelters	Vacant	60 (huts) 40 (dug-outs)	
H.24.b.9.9.	Huts (8) Horse standings covered & floored	49th. Battery A.F.A.	300 (Canvas) 151	148
I.19.a.9.1.	Huts (8) Horse standings covered & floored	50th. Battery A.F.A.	116	141
H.29.b.5.6.	Huts (8) Horse standings covered & floored	Support Bde. Transpt. lines		
H.23.c.2.5.	Tents & shelters	301 Road Constr. Coy.	205	10
H.23.b.9.1.	Tents & shelters Horse standings uncovered and unfloored.	104 How. Bty. A.F.A.	140	140
H.24.c.5.9.	Tents & shelters Horse standings uncovered and unfloored	10th. Battery A.F.A.	180	150
H.24.a.6.0.	Tents & shelters Horse standings uncovered and unfloored	11th. Battery A.F.A.	125	148
H.24.a.7.2.	Huts (8) Horse standings covered & floored	114th. How. Bty A.F.A.	136	150.

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Reference	Nature of accommodation	At present occupied by	Capacity	
			Men	Horses
H.24.b.	Transport lines uncovered and unfloored	3 Bns. forward Bde.	-	-
H.22.b.5.6.	Transport lines uncovered and unfloored	1 Bn. forward Bde.	-	-
H.21.b.2.2.	Transport lines uncovered and unfloored	'A' Field Company		
I.13.d.5.1.	Transport lines uncovered and unfloored	'B' Field Company		
H.21.d.5.8.	Transport lines uncovered and unfloored	'C' Field Company		
<u>ZILLEBACH AREA</u>				
I.15.c.8.8.	Canvas	24th. Battalion	1 Bn.	
<u>DICKEBUSCH AREA</u>				
H.27.b.1.8.	1 House, 1 Barn (for Horses) including 1 Cook-house	57th. H.A. Group	100	40
H.27.b.6.5.	1 House, 1 Barn including room suitable for cookhouse		125	
H.27.b.7.7.	1 House, 1 Barn Officers' quarters in House		5 Offrs. 400	
H.28.a.2.0.	1 House, 2 Barns		380	20
H.28.c.5.9.	1 House, 1 Barn		39	
H.28.a.7.8.	1 Barn		30	
H.28.a.7.9.	1 House, 1 Barn		80	
H.27.a.2.3.	1 House, 2 Barns.	117th. How. Bty.	75	20
H.27.d.0.1.	1 Barn		40	
H.26.d.2.2.	1 Barn		20	

(Note: All above accommodation needs repairing).

reference	Nature of Accommodation	At present occupied by	Capacity	
			Men	Horses
H.26.c.9.7.	Huts		1000	
(DICKEBUSCH HUTS Camp)	Dugouts Canvas	2 Coys 25th.Bn.	80 200	
H.20.c.9.1.	Covered Horse standing			300
H.33.a.5.1. (New DICKEBUSCH Camp)	Canvas Open Horse standings		1000	300
H.27.b.7.3. (CANAL Reserve Camp)	Huts Covered Horse standings	26th.Bn.	600	60
	Open Horse Standings			400
H.26.c.4.6.	Billets. Covered Horse standings		100	60
H.27.b.4.7. (WALKER Camp)	Billets Huts	2 Coys.25th.Bn.	625 750	
H.26.d.2.2.	Billets		20	
H.27.a.2.3.	Billets		75	
H.27.b.4.8.	Huts			
H.27.d.0.1.	Billets		40	
H.28.a.7.8.	Billets		30	
H.28.a.7.9.	Billets		80	
H.28.a.2.0.	Billets Covered Horse Standings Open Horse Standings		190	400
H.28.c.5.9.	Billets		14	
H.26.b.6.7.	Tents	28th.Bn.		

APPENDIX "C."SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

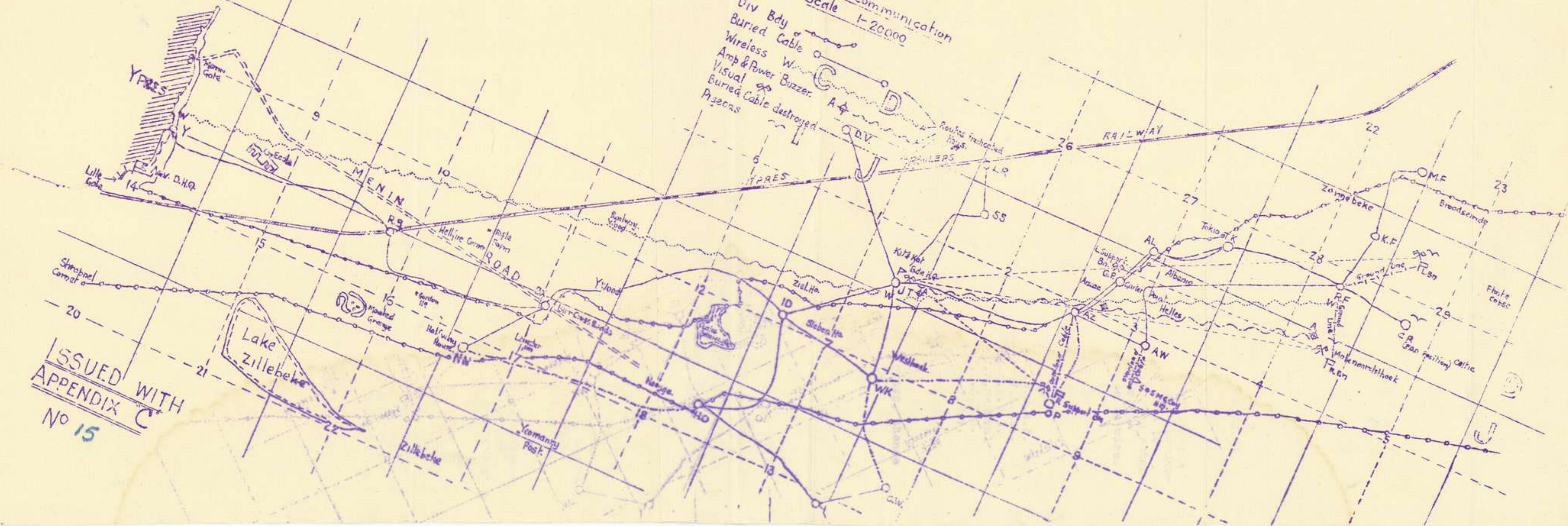
Inter-communication is effected on the Divisional front by the following means:-

- (a). Telegraph and Telephone.
- (b). Visual.
- (c). Amplifier and Power Buzzer.
- (d). Wireless.
- (e). Runners and Despatch Riders.
- (f). Pigeons.

- (a). TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE. Sounder Telegraph Instrument and Telephone communication is by buried cable to Support Brigade Headquarters at HALFWAY HOUSE, and to Line Brigade Headquarters at J.1.d.7.2, WESTHOEK RIDGE; thence on to Cable Head at D.29.c.6.6.
Small Buzzer exchanges are installed on the buried route at A.Z. - J.3.c.2.8; A.W. - J.3.d.3.8; R.F. - D.28.d.5.7.
These Buzzer Stations are used for connecting the "R" Support Battalion, S.O.S. Machine Gun Company, and "R" and "L" Battalions in the line, by Metallic Pair Ground Cables.
- (b). VISUAL. Visual Stations manned by the Brigade in the line are established at Brigade Headquarters - J.1.d.7.2 and a transmitting station at J.3.a.5.6.
Battalion Visual Stations are established at "R" and "L" Battalions in the line.
- (c). AMPLIFIER AND POWER BUZZER. All Up and Down working. The Forward Station is located at "R" Battalion in line - J.4.b.8.8. The Intermediate Transmitting Station at J.3.a.4.1, the Rear Station being established at Line Brigade Headquarters - J.1.d.7.2.
At any of these stations messages are accepted for transmission.
- (d). WIRELESS. Wireless Stations are situated at Line Brigade Headquarters at J.1.d.7.2 and at D.28.d.5.7. These stations are in touch with Corps Directing Station at the RAMPARTS, from which station messages are delivered to Divisional Headquarters.
- (e). D.R.L.S. Despatches leave Divisional Headquarters by motor cycle and Horse D.R. to first Relay Station at BIRR CROSS ROADS. The service is then by runner to Support and Line Brigade Headquarters.
Brigade Runner Service forward is via A.Z. - J.3.c.2.8 and R.F. - D.28.d.5.7, to Battalions.
Six mounted D.R.'s. are detailed from the Corps Light Horse.
- (f). PIGEONS. Pigeons are sent forward from lofts daily at 6 a.m. to a collecting Station at I.10.c.3.3. From this station pigeons are collected by Brigade Pigeoneers and taken to Brigade Headquarters for distribution.
Eight (3) pigeons are drawn daily - 2 per Brigade in line, and 4 for F.O.O. work.

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APPENDIX 'D'

DUMPSAMMUNITION1. Location of -

(1)	Divisional Main	or Bridge House	H.23.D.30.
(2)	Divisional Advanced	" WESTHOEK	J.7.B. 6.3.
(3)	Brigade	(a) Old Cable head	J.3.B.5.3.
		(b) Garter Point	J.3.A.5.5.
(4)	Battalion	Right	J.4.B.8.5.
	Battalion	Left	D.29.A.35.35.

2. Method of Distribution

Ammunition is taken from Bridge House Dump by limbers to WESTHOEK thence it is packed forward under Brigade arrangements to Old Cablehead or Garter Point and distributed to J.4.B.8.5. and D.29.A.35.35. by carrying parties. The stock at Bridge House is maintained by "K" Ammunition park on instructions from Corps to whom application is made by wire.

R.E. STORES1. Location of

Main Dumps	KRUITSTAAT (Corps)	H.18.D.4.3.
	BIRR CROSS ROADS	I.17.B.1.8.
	R.E.DUMP	J.4.A.9.4.
	OLD CABLEHEAD	J.3.Central
	GARTER POINT	J.3.A.7.6.
	WATTLE	J.2.D.8.7.

2. Distribution

Stores are supplied as far as I.17.B.1.8. by lorries, thence to different dumps by G.S. Wagons.

APPENDIX "E"

LOCATIONS OF ECHELONS, HEADQUARTERS, Etc.

Divisional Headquarters, "G" - Adv. "A" & "Q" Branch Rear "A" & "Q" Branch	RAMPARTS	I.14.b.1.5.
C.R.A.	WALKER CAMP	H.27.b.7.7.
C.R.E.	RAMPARTS	I.14.b.1.5.
A.D.M.S.	RAMPARTS	I.14.b.1.5.
D.A.D.V.S.	WALKER CAMP	H.27.b.7.7.
D.A.D.O.S.	WALKER CAMP	H.27.b.7.7.
Divisional Paymaster	WALKER CAMP	H.27.b.7.7.
Mobile Veterinary Section		H.24.c.0.5.
French and Belgian Missions	WALKER CAMP	H.27.b.7.7.

HEADQUARTERS

Artillery	"B" Group	I.17.c.4.8.	
	D. A. C.	I.19.b.3.6.	
Infantry	Forward Brigade	J.1.d.6.4.	
	Support Brigade	I.17.c.3.8.	HALFWAY HOUSE
	Reserve Brigade	H.27.b.7.7.	WALKER CAMP
Engineers	"A" Field Company	I.14.b.3.8.	
	"B" Field Company	I.14.b.3.7.	
	"C" Field Company	I.14.a.4.3.	
Pioneers	Pioneer Bn.	I.19.c.3.7.	SWAN CHATEAU
A.A.M.C.	"A" Field Amb.	I.9.c.9.6.	
	"B" Field Amb.	G.34.b.1.1.	RENINGHELST
	"C" Field Amb.	G.15.c.2.9.	WARATAH CAMP
A.A.S.C.	H.Q. Div. Train	G.19.b.7.7.	
	S.S.O.	G.19.b.7.7.	
	"A" A.A.S.C.	G.20.a.5.7.	
	"B" A.A.S.C.	G.20.a.5.7.	
	"C" A.A.S.C.	G.19.b.7.7.	
	"D" A.A.S.C.	G.26.a.1.9.	
M. G. Company	Div. Coy.	H.24.a.0.9.	CHATEAU BELGE

TRANSPORT LINES

Forward Brigade	3 Battalions	H.24.B.
	1 Battalion	H.22.b.5.6.
Support Brigade		H.29.b.5.8.
Reserve Brigade	"A" Battalion	H.20.c.9.1.
	"B" Battalion	H.27.b.7.3.
	"C" Battalion	H.26.b.6.7.
	"D" Battalion	H.22.b.5.6.
Engineers	"A" Field Company	H.21.b.2.2.
	"B" Field Company	I.13.d.5.1.
	"C" Field Company	H.21.d.5.8.
A.A.M.C.	"A" Field Amb.	H.29.a.5.9.
	"B" Field Amb.	G.34.b.0.3.
	"C" Field Amb.	G.15.c.2.9.
Pioneers	Pioneer Bn.	I.19.c.3.7.
Signallers	Div. Sig. Coy	H.27.b.7.7.

WAGON LINES

<u>"A" Aust. F.A. Brigade</u>	"A" Battery	H.24.b.9.9.
	"B" Battery	I.19.a.9.1.
	"C" Battery	H.24.b.8.6.
	"A" How. Battery	I.19.a.2.5.

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"B" Aust. F. A. Brigade

"A" Battery
"B" Battery
"C" Battery
"B" How. Battery

I.13.c.3.3.
H.24.b.5.8.
I.13.c.1.0.
H.24.b.5.2.

D. A. C.

Headquarters
No. 1. Section
No. 2. Section
"B" Echelon

H.16.c.4.1.
H.15.d.9.3.
H.16.c.1.3.
H.16.c.3.3.



APPENDIX "F"

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVACUATION OF WOUNDED AND SICK FROM DIVISIONAL SECTOR (Front from J.5.b.6.3. to D.29.b.2.6. approximately).

Map Reference Sheets 27 and 28 1 in 40,000.

<u>R.A.Ps.</u>	Right Forward	J.4.b.7.5.	
	Left Forward	D.28.a.1.0.	BRICK KILN
<u>RELAY POSTS</u>	Right	J.4.a.	JABBER HOUSE
		J.3.b.3.2.	
	Left	J.3.b.5.4.	HELLES
		J.3.a.	GARTER POINT
<u>COLLECTING POST</u>		J.3.c.1.8.	IDEAL OR CARLISLE POST.
<u>RELAY POST</u>		J.7.b.8.7.	WESTHOEK POST
<u>ADVANCED WAGON LOADING POST</u>		J.7.a.3.2.	BELLEWAARDE POST
<u>POST RELAY</u>		I.12.c.6.7.	SIMON'S POST
<u>WAGON LOADING POST (MOTOR)</u>		I.17.b.3.8.	BIRR CROSS ROADS
<u>ADVANCED DRESSING STATION</u>		I.9.c.6.6.	
<u>RESERVE BEARER POST</u>		I.7.d.2.1.	ESPLANADE DUGOUTS
<u>CORPS MAIN DRESSING STN AND GAS CENTRE</u>		H.27.c.2.8.	
<u>CASUALTY CLEARING STN.GROUP</u>		L.23.a.3.4.	REMY SIDING
<u>2nd.AUST.DIV.REST STATION</u>		G.15.c.2.9.	WARATAH CAMP.

SCHEME OF EVACUATION.

Cases are cleared from the battle field to R.A.Ps. by Regimental Stretcher Bearers; from R.A.Ps. by relays of Field Ambulance bearers to BIRR CROSS ROADS; thence lying cases by Divisional Ambulance cars to Advanced Dressing Station for lying wounded, I.9.c.6.6. and walking wounded by motor bus or motor lorry to Advanced Dressing Station for walking cases I.9.c.6.6.

C.O."A" Aust. Field Ambulance will make all possible use of light railways as they become available for evacuation of cases to Advanced Dressing Station.

From Advanced Dressing Station cases are despatched by M.A.C. Cars or motor lorry to YPRES for conveyance to Casualty Clearing Station, GODE-WAERSVELDE by broad gauge train, or if no trains available direct to Casualty Clearing Station group at REMY SIDING.

A Field Ambulance Medical Officer is stationed at each of the following forward posts :-

J.7.a.3.2.

J.3.b.5.4.

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Headquarters of 'A' Aust. Field Ambulance is at Advanced Dressing Station I.9.c.6.6. (Stretcher and Walking Cases).

In the event of an advance, R.A.Ps. will be established further forward by R.M.Os. and Field Ambulance Medical Officers will be stationed at J.4.b.9.1. and D.28.a.1.0.

C.O. 'A' Aust. Field Ambulance has at Advanced Dressing Station I.9.c.6.6. a number of guides. These guides will be supplied on demand to R.M.Os going forward, and are to be used as a means of establishing communication between R.M.Os. and the nearest Field Ambulance Post.

A stock of stretchers, blankets, medical and surgical requisites and medical comforts is maintained at all R.A.Ps. and Field Ambulance Posts. A large reserve stock is held at Corps Main Dressing Station.

LOCATION OF MEDICAL UNITS

'A' Aust. Field Amb. Tent Division and H.Q. at Advanced Dressing Station I.9.c.6.6. Bearer Division, also Bearer Division of 'B' and 'C' Aust. Field Amb. at Advanced Dressing Station and forward. Transport at CHATEAU HENRIQUES, H.29.a.5.9.

'B' Aust. Field Amb. One tent sub-division and H.Q. and transport SCHOOL HOUSE, RENINGHELST. One tent sub-division at No. 3 Canadian C.C.S. REMY SIDING. One tent sub-division at No. 17 Casualty Clearing Station, REMY SIDING. Bearer Division attached 'A' Aust. Field Amb.

'C' Aust. Field Amb. Tent Division and Transport at G.15.c.2.9. WARATAH CAMP. Bearer Division attached 'A' Field Ambulance.

SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS

1. Supplies are drawn from DICKEBUSCH Railhead by train supply wagons and issued to units at Refilling Points :-

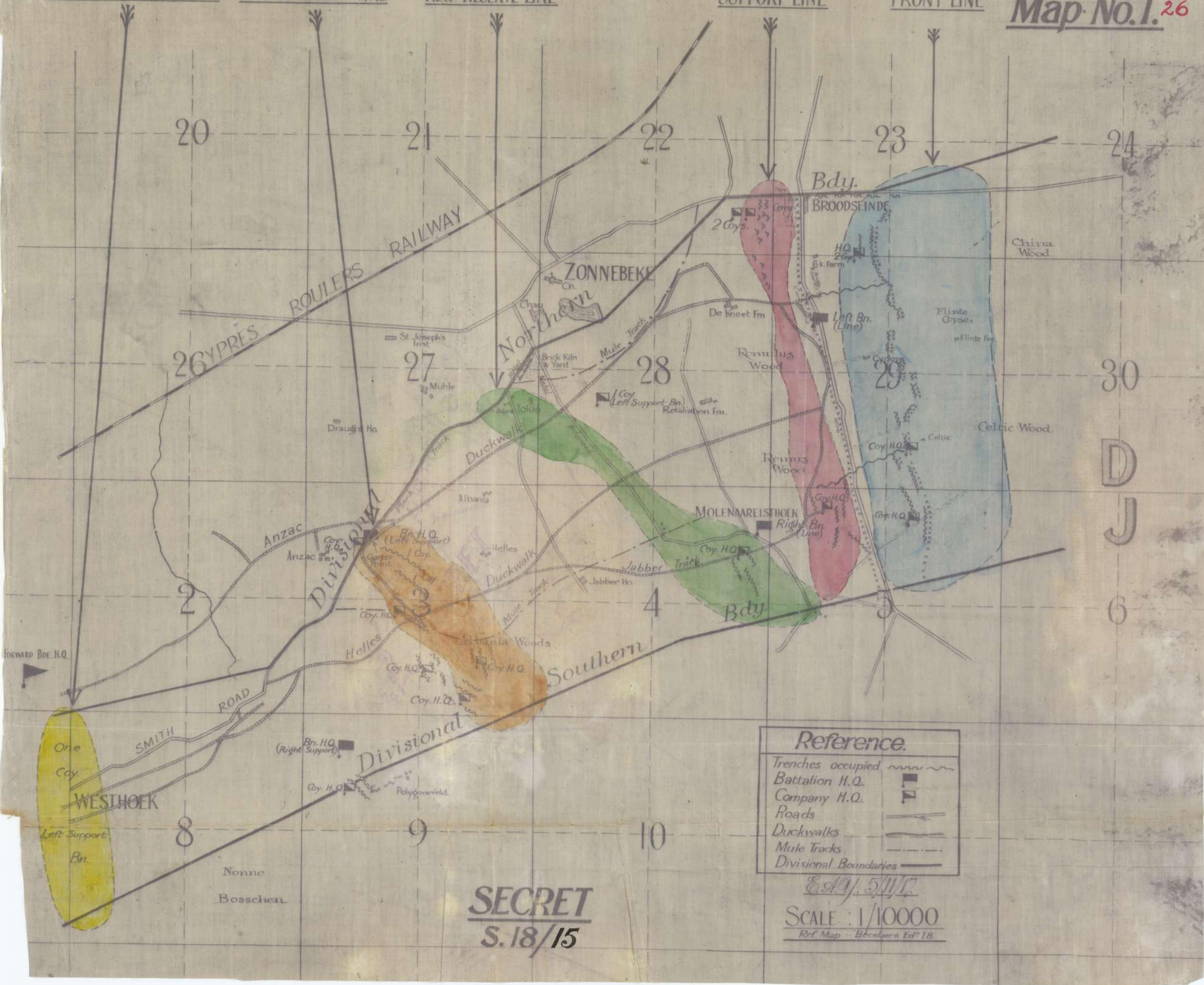
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Brigade in Support	"	H.16.d.2.2.
Brigade in Reserve	"	H.27.c.
Div. Artillery	"	H.27.c.

For Brigades in line and support and Divisional Artillery, train supply wagons deliver to Q.M. Stores.

Brigade in reserve draws from Refilling Point by 1st. Line Transport.

2. Divisional Troops in forward area, D.H.Q., C.R.E. Field Companies, Pioneers, draw supplies from Refilling Point of Brigade in line by train supply wagons.

3. Supplies are distributed ^{from} Q.M. Stores under arrangements of units. Units of Brigade in line distribute by means of pack animals.



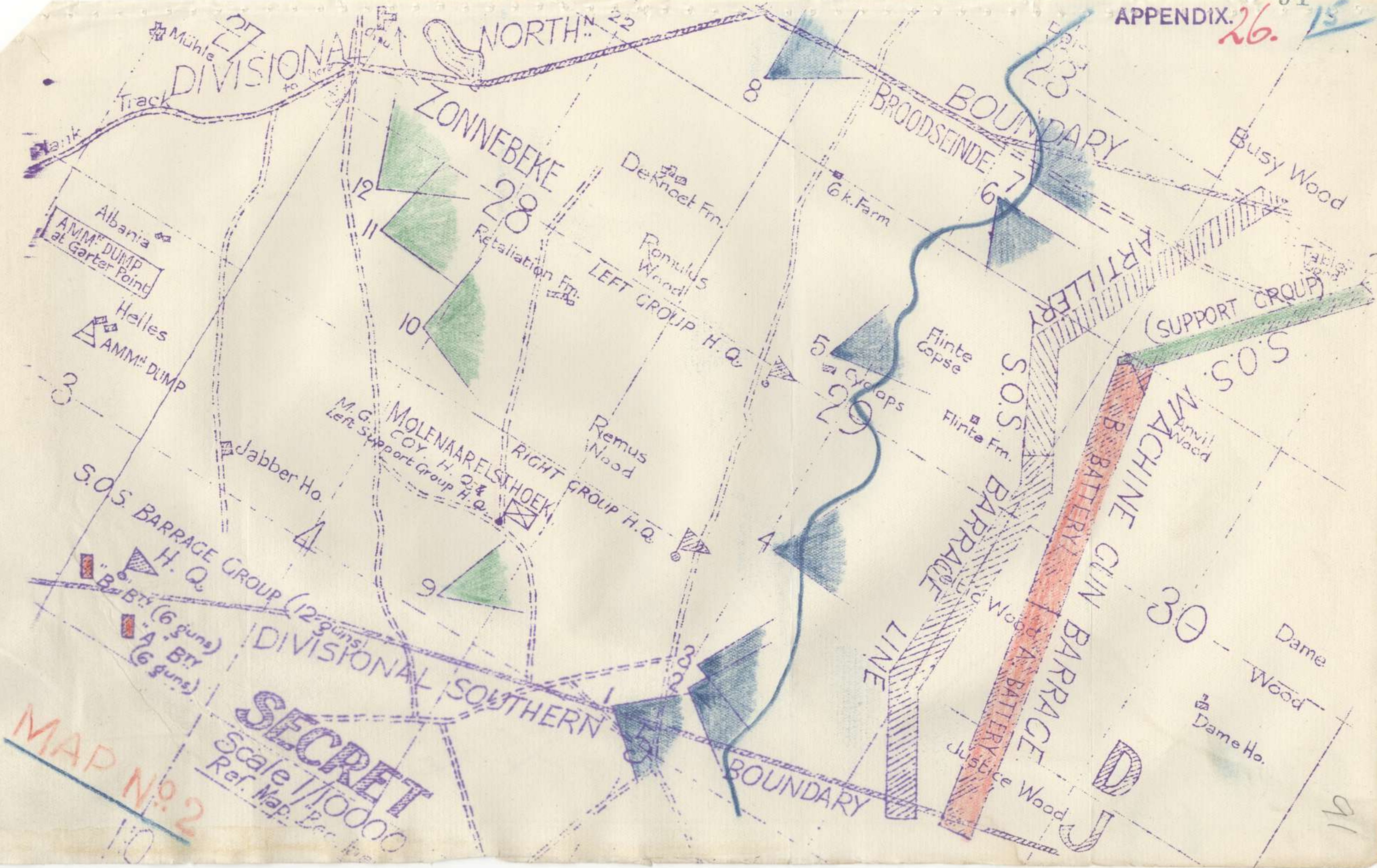
Reference.	
Trenches occupied	
Battalion H.Q.	
Company H.Q.	
Roads	
Duckwalks	
Mule Tracks	
Divisional Boundaries	

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SECOND ADDENDUM TO SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 154.

Headquarters,
9th November, 1917.

Reference Maps - Sheet 28 - 1/40,000.
BECELAERE, 1/10,000.
HOOGE - 1/10,000.
HAZEBROUCK 5a - 1/100,000.

1. The distribution of the Artillery in the line will remain as at present.

2. The 22nd Aust. M. G. Company will move to WIPPENHOEK with the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade Group on the 12th November.

3. Divisional Headquarters will close at LILLE GATE, YPRES, at 10 a.m. on the 12th November, and will open at ECKE at the same hour.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. G. Miles
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 8th to 6 a.m. 9th November, 1917.

NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our Artillery continued with harassing fire on communications and centres of activity, and carried out a series of minor bombardments. The line of posts and machine gun position at D.30.a.9.8, D.30.c.6.9, D.30.c.3.8 and D.30.c.6.8. was bombarded during the afternoon, and also M.G. and posts at D.24.c.75.60, D.24.a.5.1, D.24.c.6.9 and D.24.c.8.3. At 3.55 p.m. a hostile battery at K.2.b.9.5 was engaged. The PASSCHENDAELE - TERHAND Line was bombarded between points E.13.d.50.35 and E.26.a.78.00. The entrenchment D.30.d.14.10 - J.6.b.25.90 was searched during the early part of the night. At 6 a.m. an ARMY Barrage was fired according to programme.

Patrols.

(a) A patrol consisting of one Officer and 20 Other Ranks left D.29.d.3.2 at 6 p.m., returning to lines at same place at 9 p.m. CELTIC WOOD was found to be clear of enemy but flares were fired from CEMETERY at J.6.a.5.5 and D.30.c.9.7. A standing patrol with Lewis gun was left at D.30.c.3.3.

(b) A patrol of one Officer and 17 Other Ranks left lines at J.5.b.20.95 at 11 p.m. returning via same point at 1 a.m. This patrol proceeded to a point, J.5.b.50.85, and moved along on South of road to standing patrol at D.30.c.3.3. After relieving the patrol proceeded to a point about at D.30.c.40.05. An enemy M.G. at about J.6.a.6.6. was active. Enemy were shelling Northern portion of CELTIC WOOD. Standing patrol returned at 3 a.m. without observing any enemy.

(c) A patrol consisting of one Officer and 16 Other Ranks left lines at D.29.b.05.50 at 11 p.m., returning via D.23.c.9.1 at 3.10 a.m. Patrol patrolled FLINTE COPSE, FLINTE FARM, and thence due east to road junction, D.30.b.3.4, thence North to D.30.b.3.6, then west along southern boarder of ANVIL WOOD. No enemy were seen. Enemy consistently shelled along road from FLINTE FARM east for about 500 yards. Ground was marshy in vicinity of D.30.b.3.4, and ANVIL WOOD and south of CHINA WOOD. Enemy machine gun active about D.30.b.5.4.

(d) A patrol of one Officer and 16 Other Ranks with Lewis gun left our lines at D.30.d.5.6. at 11 p.m., returning via D.29.d.95.90 at 2.55 a.m. Patrol visited CHINA WOOD, which was unoccupied and very marshy, then proceeded east to road D.24.d.2.3. Flares were fired from about D.24.d.8.4. Patrol then moved on to road at D.24.c.7.6. Flares were fired from east of TABLE WOOD. No enemy were observed.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. This was normal throughout the day and quiet at night. During the morning a 10.5 cm. gun on T.B. of 73° from J.4.b.7.5. shelled our forward battery positions. Between 12 noon and 2.30 p.m. areas J.7.b. and d. and J.8.a. were shelled with 15 cm. H. E. Between 2 and 3 p.m. a machine gun A. A. position at D.29.d.12.20 was shelled with 15 cm. At 3 p.m. a heavy bombardment of area J.8.c. by all calibres up to 21 cm. commenced from the direction of WATERDAMHOEK. This died down at 3.40 p.m. At 4.45 p.m. a machine gun A.A. position at J.4.b.70.10 was blown out.

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ENEMY ARTILLERY (Continued).

During the night the western slope of WESTHOEK RIDGE was lightly shelled by 15 cm. and 21 cm. Hows. from the direction of MOORSLEDE, and a few gas shells were fired in the vicinity of Battery positions. At 3 p.m. YPRES was shelled by a 15 cm. H. V. gun.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy aircraft were extremely active and aggressive throughout the day. Between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. 12 enemy planes flew over our front line and dropped several white flares. Our front line system was then shelled with 15 cm. Between 12 noon and 12.30 p.m. 12 more enemy planes patrolled our forward area.

Between 2 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. several aerial combats took place over our front line as a result of which 2 planes were driven down. One of these planes fell in flames in the vicinity of MOORSLEDE. The second plane - a British machine - was forced down at E.25.d.2.8. Movement was immediately observed around this machine and the pilot escorted by 3 men was conducted along road in E.25.b. towards KEIBERG.

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY LINE.

At 2.20 p.m. 5 men were observed moving in file along road in E.25.b. towards KEIBERG.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 2.15 p.m. a large fire broke out in MOORSLEDE as a result of our shelling and burnt till about 4 p.m. Balloons were up on T.B.'s. of 39° and 92° from D.29.a.35.30 during the day.

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SECRET.

Location of Units at 8 a.m. 10th November 1917.

<u>DIVISIONAL.H.Q.</u>	YPRES.	LILLE GATE.	I.14.b.1.5.
<u>Artillery H.Q. (5th A.Div)</u>	YPRES	do	do
"B" Group H.Q. -	I.17.c.4.8.	(13th and 14th A.F.A.Bdes)	
5th A.D.A.C. -	H.16.c.4.1.		
C.R.A. 2nd Aust Div.	BAILLEUL.	50 Rue de Lille.	
4th A.F.A.Bde. -	H.19.a.70.05.	Under 1st Aust Div.	
5th do -	J.1.d.35.30.	do	
2nd A.D.A.C. 9	G.18.c.6.8.	do	
2nd Aust D.T.M.O.	H.13.a.0.6.		
<u>5th Aust Inf Bde H.Q.</u>	STEENVOORDE.	68 Rue Poperinghe.	
17th Bn. -	K.22.b.4.9.	STEENVOORDE AREA.	
18th Bn. -	K.28.a.0.8.	do	
19th Bn -	K.15.d.5.6.	do	
20th Bn -	K.28.c.0.7.	do	
5th A.M.G.Coy. -	K.28.a.0.0.	do	
5th A.L.T.M.Bty-	K.28.d.5.8.	do	
<u>6th Aust Inf Bde H.Q.</u>	Aiv. J.1.d.6.4.	<u>IN LINE.</u>	
	Rear. H.27.b.6.7.		
21st Bn. -	J.3.a.5.5.	Support. Left.	
22nd Bn -	J.9.a.30.65.	Support Right.	
23rd Bn. -	J.4.b.88.60.	LINE. Right.	
24th Bn. -	D.29.a.35.50.	LINE. Left.	
6th A.M.G.Coy. -	J.4.b.85.60.	LINE. (Rear Ch BELGE)	
6th A.L.T.M.Bty-	J.3.a.5.5.	LINE	
<u>7th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.</u>	STEENVOORDE.	6 Rue de Cassel.	
25th Bn. -	STEENVOORDE AREA.		
26th Bn. -	do		
27th Bn. -	do		
28th Bn. -	do		
7th A.M.G.Coy. -	do		
7th A.L.T.M.Bty-	do		
<u>C.R.E.</u>	YPRES.	LILLE GATE.	I.14.b.1.4.
5th A.Field Coy.		I.14.b.3.7.	YPRES.
6th do -	I.14.b.3.8.	YPRES.	
7th do -	STEENVOORDE.		
<u>A.D.M.S.</u>	YPRES	LILLE GATE.	I.14.b.1.5.
5th A.Field Ambice.	STEENVOORDE.		
6th do -	do	Under 7th A.I.Bde.	
7th do -	I.9.c. 9.6	A.D.S.MENIN ROAD.	
<u>Div Train H.Q.</u>	G.19.b.7.7.		
15th A.A.S.C. -	STEENVOORDE.		
16th do -	G.20. a.5.7.		
17th do -	STEENVOORDE.		
20th do -	G.26.a.1.9.		
2nd Aust Pioneer Bn.-	I.19.c.3.7.	SWAN CHATEAU.	
22nd Aust M.G.Coy. -	H.24.a.0.9.	CHATEAU BELGE.	

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Divisional Units.

D.M.G.O.	YPRES.	LITTLE GATE.	AND H-O
D.A.D.O.S.	WALKER CAMP.	H. 27.7.	
D.A.D.V.S.	do	do	
Paymaster.	do	do	
Salvage Coy.	H.22.a.5.9.		
Mob Vet Sect.	H.24.c.0.5.		
Div Gas Officer.			
Div Gas School	G.22.a.1.5.	BUSSEBOOM.	
Div Bomb Officer.	H.23.d.2.2.		
Div Reinft Camp.	CAESTRE.		
Div Musketry Off.	CAESTRE.		

ATTACHED TROOPS.

<u>146th Infantry Bde.H.Q.</u>	-	I.17.c.4.8.	HALFWAY HOUSE.	<u>SUPPORT</u>
1/8 Bn. W.Yorks Regt.	-	I.17.c.4.8.	do	<u>BDE.</u>
1/6 Bn. do	-	H.24.c.5.6.		
1/7 Bn. do	-	I.15.c.3.8.		
1/8 Bn. do	-	H.24.c.4.4.		
146th M.G.Coy.	-	H.23.b.5.9.	S.O.S. Group.	
456th Field Coy R.E.	-	I.14.a.4.3.	YPRES.	
458th do R.E.	-	H.30.a.5.9.		
1/1 W.R.Field Arb.	-	G.15.c.2.9.	WARATAH CAMP.	
464th A.S.C.	-	G.14.d.0.5.		
146th T.M.Bty.	-	H.24.c.4.4.		
<u>147th Infantry Bde.H.Q.</u>	-	H.27.b.7.7.	WALKER CAMP.	<u>RESERVE</u>
4th W.Riding Regt.	-	H.26.b.6.7.	DICKEBUSCH AREA.	<u>(BDE.)</u>
5th do.	-	H.20.c.9.1.	do	
6th do	-	H.27.b.7.3.	do	
7th do	-	H.17.d.8.1.	do	
147 M.G.Coy.	-	H.23.b.95.95.	CHATEAU BELGE.	Reserve
147.T.M.Bty.	-	H.26.b.6.7.	DICKEBUSCH AREA.	

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 9th to 6 a.m. 10th November, 1917.

NOTE. = Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Harassing fire was continued and movement behind enemy lines engaged.

A hostile battery at E.25.b.25.25 was engaged and silenced on two occasions during the night.

At 6 a.m. (9th) an Army barrage was fired.

Enemy movement was reported at E.25.b.6.8 in the afternoon and the area was swept with fire at intervals.

(b) Mortars. A Stokes Mortar battery fired 60 rounds at enemy aircraft during the course of the morning and one plane is believed to have been slightly damaged. It was noticed that enemy aircraft avoided the vicinity of this battery during the afternoon.

(c) Patrols.

1. A patrol of one Officer and 20 Other Ranks left our line at D.29.d.3.2 at 5.45 p.m. and established a Lewis Gun post at D.30.c.3.3 (relieved later by No. 2 patrol). CELTIC WOOD and the Northern portion of JUSTICE WOOD were examined. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy. Patrol returned to our lines at 8.45 p.m.

2. A patrol of one Officer and 20 Other Ranks left D.29.d.3.2 at 11 p.m. and moved to about D.30.c.1.2 and then worked north to northern edge of CELTIC WOOD. Patrol then worked back in a S.E. direction and examined Northern portion of JUSTICE WOOD. A Lewis gun post established at D.30.c.3.3. by No. 1 patrol was relieved. There was a noticeable absence of flares, a few only being fired from about D.30.c.7.6.

Road from D.29.d.8.9. to D.30.c.00.15 has been newly shelled. The patrol returned to our lines at D.29.d.3.2 at 2 a.m. and the Lewis Gun Post at 4 a.m.

3. Patrol of 2 Officers and 14 Other Ranks moved out from D.29.b.05.50 at 1.30 a.m. and passed through FLINTE CORSE, which was very boggy. Patrol then moved east over a very boggy stretch of ground to D.30.b.3.6. Nothing was seen of the enemy near this point. Flares were being sent up from the vicinity of DAME WOOD and a M. Gun fired occasional bursts from the same spot. Patrol then moved north to D.30.b.30.95 and then westwards along southern edge of CHINA WOOD back to our lines at 4.30 a.m.

4. Patrol of 3 Officers and 24 Other Ranks left D.29.b.05.50 at 6.30 p.m. and proceeded in a S.E. direction to southern edge of CHINA WOOD, thence east to road at D.30.b.25.90. They then moved north to D.24.d.25.80. Nothing was seen of the enemy here. Patrol then moved back to our lines via TALLE WOOD at 11.15 p.m. CHINA WOOD was extremely boggy. There was a strong smell of shell gas in the vicinity of the old pill-boxes on the eastern edge of this wood. A fair amount of water flows from CHINA WOOD towards ANVIL WOOD.

Pill-boxes at D.24.d.0.0. were empty and water-logged.

The road from D.30.b.25.90 to cross roads at D.24.d.25.80 is quite obliterated.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. Was normal during the morning and fairly quiet during the afternoon and night. In reply to our 6 a.m. barrage on the 9th the enemy heavily shelled the ZONNEBEKE area, TOKIO and ANZAC Ridges, and a scattered barrage of H. E. shrapnel and gas shells fell in No-man's-land on an approximate N. and S. line

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through ANVIL WOOD. The range was gradually increased and by about 7 a.m. this barrage was falling along the top of BROODSEINDE RIDGE. At 8 a.m. C.T. in D.29.c. and d. was shelled with 10.5 cm. H. E. and shrapnel. Between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. bursts of fire at irregular intervals were opened on area J.8.c. Between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. this area was fairly heavily bombarded with 10.5 and 15 cm. from the direction of WATERDAMHOEK and MOORSLEDE. At 11.10 a.m. a 15 cm. How. shelled WESTHOEK RIDGE on a T.B. of 90° from J.1.d.4.6. At 5.30 p.m. TOKIO RIDGE was fairly heavily shelled with 15 cm. H.E. Between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. area J.8. was intermittently shelled by 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. Hows. From 9.45 p.m. to 10 p.m. area in J.10.a. and J.4.a. received a number of gas shells from a south easterly direction.

At 2 a.m. J.3.a. also received a number of gas shells from the same direction. Throughout the day WESTHOEK Cross Roads and road in J.7.a. and b. were intermittently shelled.

ENEMY DEFENCES AND ATTITUDE. During the day a sniper fires an occasional shot from a S. easterly direction against the right flank of our right battalion.

A M.G. in the vicinity of DAME WOOD fires occasional bursts on to BROODSEINDE Cross Roads. With these two exceptions the enemy infantry have taken up a decidedly unaggressive attitude on this Divisional front.

FLARES. No flares were fired during the night on the immediate front of our left battalion. On our right battalion front several RED flares bursting into double reds were sent up by the enemy when our barrage came down at 6 a.m. (9th).

At 6.20 a.m. double green flares brought down a barrage of 7.7 cm. and 10.5 cm. H.E. on our line in D.29.d.

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY LINES. At 7.15 a.m. a party of 20 men in file were observed moving along road at E.28.a.7.3. They disappeared from view at E.28.d.5.0. At 11 a.m. two men were seen working on a trench at E.19.b.2.4. At 11.10 a.m. one of our shells exploded a dump of flares at D.24.b.20.35 and a man was observed to run away eastwards from this point.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy aircraft were very active throughout the day particularly over our forward area. At 6.45 a.m. an E.A. flew low over the CRATER on BROODSEINDE Road in D.29.c. and dropped a white flare. This point was immediately shelled by the enemy. At 10.40 a.m. 8 E.A. flew over area J.1. at a height of about 3000 feet and dropped several bombs on our battery positions there. At 11 a.m. 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. flights of 15, 9 and 14 E.A. respectively made a reconnaissance of our front line system. They were actively engaged by our A.A. M.guns and Stokes Mortars. During the afternoon an E.A. sent out by wireless the location of road in J.7.a. and b. which was then subjected to intermittent searching fire.

MISCELLANEOUS. A Signal lamp was seen working well in rear of enemy lines between 9 and 10 p.m. on a T.B. of 96° from J.4.b.8.5. Enemy balloons were observed rising from E.17.a.5.4 at 3.25 p.m. and from E.24.b.8.6. at 3.30 p.m. At 8.15 a.m. a balloon was observed up for 30 minutes on a T.B. of 24° from J.4.b.8.5. At 8.30 a.m. another one was up on a T.B. of 43° from same point.

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